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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A, 27 NOVEMBER 2022

MASS SCHEDULES

Monday - Tuesday

No public Mass

Wednesday – Saturday

9am (Adoration)

9.30am

Sunday

6pm (Saturday Vigil)

10.30am (English)

12noon (Polish)

Confessions Saturday

10.00am (After Mass)

or call to make an
appointment.

If there is one thing we don't like, it's uncertainty. We know that our lives will end; we even know vaguely that the world will end, but when? God knows; in the second case (because it is possible to cause your own death, or receive a death sentence, and we would get warning of a nuclear strike), only God. In fact as Jesus sets it out, his second coming, like Noah's flood, will happen within some people's lifetimes, and there was some expectation among the first Christians that it would be within theirs. Jesus might have told us, but explicitly ruled this out, and all attempts to say 'the end is nigh' and predict the Day and the Hour have failed and will continue to do so. This Gospel passage comes from the end of Matthew 24, and the preceding verses give mandetail of the End which lead to endless speculation. We must live with uncertainty, in a state of permanent wakefulness. St Paul who seems to hint at an early return by Jesus spells out what this means in terms of behaviour: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity, no wrangling or jealousy. Apart from the last two, this doesn't seem too much to ask. We would be ashamed to admit to the others and prefer to keep quiet about them. In any case we are headed to a place of joy, whether it is the house of the Lord (psalm) or the mountain of the Lord (1R). Let us therefore stay awake and stand ready. (*The Liturgy Planner*)

For Today Mass

Responsorial psalm

I rejoiced when I heard
them say: 'Let us go to
God's house.'

Gospel acclamation

Let us see, O Lord, your
mercy and give us your
saving help.

My przecież wiemy, że Pan Jezus kiedyś przyjdzie. Kiedy? To jest wiadome tylko Bogu samemu, dlatego musimy czuwać, aby ten dzień nie przyszedł na nas nagle. Co to znaczy czuwać? Pan Jezus często o tym mówił: Czuwajcie i módlcie się, abyście nie ulegli pokusie. Czuwać to znaczy mieć czyste sumienie, spełniać swoje obowiązki i modlić się gorliwie. Święty Dominik Savio kiedyś został zapytany przez świętego Jana Bosko, swojego wychowawcę: Dominiku, grasz teraz w piłkę, a co byś zrobił, gdybyś wiedział, że za chwilę przyjdzie Pan Jezus? Ten chłopak odpowiedział z niezwykłą szczerością: Grałbym dalej w piłkę. Powiedział tak, ponieważ miał czyste sumienie i mógł bez lęku stanąć przed Panem Jezusem. Zatem i my czuwajmy, bo zarówno Paruzja jak i dzień naszej śmierci przychodzą nagle. (*Mateusz.pl*)

**SAINTS DAYS
and SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES THIS
WEEK**

Monday 28th November
First week of Advent

Tuesday 29th November
First week of Advent

Wednesday 30th November
ST ANDREW

Thursday 1st December
First week of Advent

Friday 2nd December
First Friday of the month

Saturday 3rd December
St Francis Xavier

PRAYERS

Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
those whose
anniversaries occur
about this time

**Eternal rest grant
unto their souls,
O Lord. May they
rest in peace. Amen.**

OPŁATKI

W następną niedzielę na
mszy św. o godz. 12.00
zostaną poświęcone opłatki
na stół wigilijny. Składane
ofiary przeznaczone są na
cele parafialne.

**REVERSE ADVENT
CALENDAR**

As part of our advent
activities this year, can
we think of those less
fortunate than ourselves
by putting one item aside
every day during advent
and bringing them to
Church on 17th/18th
December 2022 so that
we can provide extra
help for the foodbank
and help those in our
community who may not
have anyone or anything
to look forward to.

**LIST OF THE PRODUCTS
ARE ON THE NOTICE
BOARD**

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS
COMPETITION**

Families in the Parish are
invited to design and build a
Christmas Crib Scene.

Cribs can be built out of any
materials you can think of.

Finished Cribs should be
brought to Church for the
Christmas Day Masses where
they will be laid at the front of
the Altar.

There will be three main prizes.
The Prize winners will be
announced at Masses the
following weekend.

**PARISH
ADVENT AND
CHRISTMAS
BULLETIN AT
THE BACK
OF THE
CHURCH
AND PARISH
WEBSITE**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY
FOR CHILDREN**

**17 DECEMBER 2022
SATURDAY
12.00 – 14.00**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
HALL**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

COLLECTIONS

Sunday's Collection
20 November 2022
Cash – £167.00
Gift Aid – £20.00
Book Fair - £60.00

SECON COLLECTION

Today Second
Collection for Catholic
Education

SCHOOL OF FAITH

Every Sunday teaching of
the Catholic Church from
the Catechism
will be given in brief